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Guns-General Hughes to Scene.

MANILA, Sept. 29.—A disastrous fight between United States troops and insurgents occurred yesterday in the Island of Samar, near Balangiga. A large body of insurgents attacked Company C. Ninth Infantry, only twenty-four members of the company escaping. All the others are reported to have been killed. The company were at breakfast when the attack was made, and they made a determined resistance, but the overwhelming number of the insurgents compelled them to retreat. Of the survivors who have arrived at Basey eleven are wounded.

Ninth Infantry and the insurgents on the Island of Samar yesterday was sent on promptly by General Hughes, commanding in that island, to General Chaffee at Manila, and by him transmitted to the War Department. It reached the department during the early hours today, and Adjutant General Corbin, realizing its importance, at once made it public, after sending a copy to the White House. General Chaffee's dispatch is as follows:

"MANILA, Sept. 29.—Adjutant General, Washington: Hughes reports the following from Basey Southern Samar:

"Twenty-four men, Ninth regiment of United States Infantry (wounded) have just arrived from Balangiga; remainder

st arrived from Balangiga; the company were killed. Insurgents ured all the company supplies and all September 28th. Company supplies and all September 28th. Company seventy-two strong. Officers Thomas W. Connelly, captain: Edward A. Bumpus, first lieutenant: Dr. B. S. Griswold, major, surgeon, escaped.

The news created a sensation in official circles. It was the first severe reverse that has occurred for a long time. Still, that has occurred for a long time. Still, the officials were not unprepared for news of just this character from Samar, in which island the revolution started by Aguinaldo still continues. Samar is a country about as large as the State of Ohio, and the American for the State of Ohio, and the American force of occupa-tion numbers in all between 2,500 and 3, 000 men. These are distributed among various posts in the island, a large num-ber being located at the more important venters. Spain never made any efforts to occupy Samar, and it has been only for probably three months that the United States has undertaken that work.

The Filipinos carried on a guerrilla war and operations against them were difficult. and operations against them were difficult.

The disaster to Company C of the Ninth Infantry occurred, it is believed, while it was engaged in an expedition to clear the country of roving bands of these insurgents. The fact that the Americans were attacked while at breakfast indicates the daring and pluck of the insurgents.

Was a Severe Defeat.

MANIIA. Sept. 30.—General Hughes, from the Island of Samar, reports the arrival of Sergeant Markley and one private at Tannan from the fight at Balangiga, where over forty men of Company C of the Ninth Infantry were killed by insurgents, who attacked the troops while at breakfast Saturday last. The men who have reached Tannan say that the officers of the company, who were at first reported to have escaped, were killed with the majority of the company. The troops were attacked, while unprepared, by 400 bolomen of whom the Americans killed about 140. Many of the soldiers were killed in their quarters before they had time to grasp their rifles.

General Hughes is going to the scene of the disaster and will personally command the troops. Was a Severe Defeat.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 30 .- In addition to the enlisted men, three commissioned officers of Company C, Ninth Infantra are supposed now to have been killed in the action in Samar, Philippine Islands,

A question having arisen as to the ac-curacy of the cablegram received at the War Department from General Chaffee, the cable company was directed to repeat

the cable company was directed to repeat it. The repetition disclosed some inaccuracies that materially changed the message. As corrected, the dispatch reads: "MANILA, Sept. 29.—Adjutant General, Washington: Hughes reports the following from Passey, Southern Samar, "Twenty-four men Company C, Ninth regiment United States Infantry, eleven recombed have just arrived from Balanregiment United States amanged from Balan-wounded, have just arrived from Balan-sien; remainder of company killed, Insurgign: remainder of company killed. Insur-zents secured all commany supplies and all rifles except three. The company was at-tacked during breakfast on the morning of September 28th. The company was ser-enty-two strong. Officers: Thomas W. Connell. captain; Edward A. Bumpus, first Heutenant; Dr. R. S. Griswold, ma-

As corrected the dispatch shows that Company C of the Ninth Infantry suffered the dispater. No company was mentioned in the dispatch made public vesterday. The serious discrepancy between the original and the corrected dispatches. per indicated that they escaped.

Massacred Through Treachery.

The fight was long premeditated and the Filipinos were called to commit the simulator by the ringing of church belis at daylight. They got between the soldiers, who were breakfasting, and their quarters. The insurgents were mostly armed with bolos, but they had a few rifles with them.

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On hearing of the slaughter, Colonel Issac D, definssey of the Eleventh Infantry started for the scene immediately with a battalion. The body of Captain Connell had been tied at the heels, saturated with kerosene and partly burned. Forty-five bodies have been buried in a trench, leaving seven unaccounted for. The charred remains of many were recovered. In numerous instances the bodies had been badly mutilated.

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Three hundred Macabebes will also be dispatched to the scene of the massacre on board the Legaspi.

NEW YORK, Oct. 2.—A cable to the Sun from Manila says:
General Chaffee has sent a battalion each of the Seventh and Twenty-sixth regiments to Samar, and the severest kind of warfare will be waged against the rebels in that district. During the past few months the American troops have been restricted in their operations by rain, which still prevails.

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The navy, which is co-operating with the army, has sent three gunboats to Samar. Commander Marix will go to China and Japan to arrange for the purchase of twenty steamboats, which will cost \$1.000,000. These vessels will be used for the insular revenue service, and will also provide complete interisland communication.

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According to the latest returns the strength of the company was seventy-two. The survivors include Captain T. W. Connell, First Lieutenant Edward A. bumpus. and Dr. R. S. Griswold, surgeon.

Captain Eward Bookmiller of the Ninth Infantry reports that General Hughes is assembling a force to attack the insurgents.

date.

The conditions in Tayabas and Batangas are not reassuring. The worst form of guerrila warfare prevails there. The insurgent forces are distributed, under clong every road and trail, and The insurgents captured all the stores and ammunition of the company and all the rifles except twelve.

Captain Lawrence J. Hearne of the Twenty-first Infantry reports a severe engagement with the insurgents near Candelaria, the Americans losing one killed and two wounded. The insurgent loss has not be ascertained. The Americans captured 30,000 pounds of rice and several hundred rounds of ammunition.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 29.—News of the disastrous fight between troops of the Ninth Infantry and the insurgents on the Island of Samar yesterday was sent on "I believe I saved my (nine year old)

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